



Windermere & Bowness | Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 6th January 2009 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Eve Blatchley	Honorary Member	Robert Fowler	Robert Fowler Associates
Barry Butler (Chair).	Butler Thompson Assoc.	Bill Johnson	Hon. Member
Simon Everett	Simon Everett Opticians	Steve Marston	The Cook House
Adrian Faulkner (Sec)	AGF Business Services	Pam Plumb	Slo-Vine

Guests:

Kimberley Burrows	Triarom	Glynnis Maguire	Scarlett Ribbon
Marion Kenyon	Triarom		

Apologies:

Liz & Tony Blaney	The Fairfield Guest House	Jo Harris	Windermere Wine Stores
Naomi Darbishire	W McClures Ltd	Paul Liddell	Lakelovers
Tim Farron MP		Penny Seeds	Manuka

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled members and presented Kimberley Burrows and Marion Kenyon of Triarom and Glynnis Maguire of Scarlett Ribbon with their cheques and certificates as joint winners of the chamber of Trade's 'Christmas Window' competition.

Minutes:

The following amendments were made to the Minutes of the meeting on the 4th November 2008:

1. Reports item 1, the correct spelling of the Chair is Orrom and Hrdt should be Hardt.
2. Reports item 3, replace the words 'Nick Raymond' with Cllr. Joan Stocker,

After these amendments the Minutes were deemed and accepted as being correct.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

The Secretary made the meeting aware that the letter from CCC concerning the lighting on Rayrigg was on the website.

Steve Marston (Vice-Chair) notified the meeting that the concerns over parking had been taken up by Tim Farron MP.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that any correspondence received was on the website and had been notified to members via the e-News.

Reports:

1. **Windermere Enhancement Scheme – Breakfast Meeting with Tim Farron MP**

Steve Marston reported that after the Breakfast Meeting with Tim Farron, which was well attended, he had attended an SLDC meeting to give his and others views. He pointed out that a number of people had commented on the new proposals but Nick Raymond had not taken into account any of these in his report to the Council. This had caused concern from all parties. Steve went onto point out that Tim Farron, MP was writing a letter of complaint. Nick Raymond was going to write a 'follow up' letter outlining a timetable of work.

Eco-Friendly Town:

Barry Butler handed out a paper he had put together regarding Windermere and Bowness becoming an 'Eco-friendly Town' and went onto explain the salient points contained therein. The members present put forward a number of amendments and corrections and Barry requested that the amended paper be circulated to the membership for their comments, and courtesy copies be sent to Richard Leafe (LDNPA), Chris Gabbott (LHA) and also put onto the website. This the Secretary said he would do. Barry went onto make the recommendation that the Chamber hold a meeting with interested parties at a date in the near future once comments had been received. This the meeting agreed to.

Possible TV Advertising:

Steve Marston brought to the attention of the meeting a TV advert he had seen for Keswick. He gave some background information and enquired whether this is something the Chamber of Trade should look into. It was agreed by those present that this should be the case. **Action:** Steve Marston and Kimberley Burrows were tasked with looking into the possibility.

A.O.B:

The Secretary informed the meeting of a new member and Pam Plumb informed the Membership Secretaries of a new business just started up in Windermere.

The Secretary was requested to contact the Town Centre Manager to ascertain what was happening with WOW this year.

It was noted that the sign at the Plumgarth roundabout was showing that the Ferry was Out of Action where in fact it was running. The Secretary pointed out that this had been reported to Cumbria County Council and they admitted there was a fault with the signing.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2009

February 3rd

March 3rd

April 7th

Adrian G Faulkner - Secretary, Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade.
DMS. FCMI., CLP.